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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT CORRECTED)

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, IN, YO  
SUBJECT: NAM CONCERNS AS SEEN BY THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

1. IN A RETURN COURTESY CALL ON YUGOSLAVIAN AMBASSADOR  
BLAZEVIC TODAY, I DREW HIM INTO A FAIRLY LENGHTY AND  
CANDID DISCUSSION OF PROSPECTS FOR THE NON-ALIGNED  
COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING SHCEDULED FOR KABUL MAY 6-10.  
WHILE BLAZEVIC WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THAT MEETING, HE CLEARLY  
HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOI WITH  
RESPECT TO THE ISSUES,AND HE SEEMED TO BE INTIMATELY  
INFORMED ABOUT MANY OF THEM.

2. HE SAID THAT THE MAJOR EFFORT OF BOTH YUGOSLAVIA AND  
INDIA FOR THIS MEETING AND THE SUBSEQUENT MINISTERS LEVEL  
NAM MEETING IN BELGRADE IS TO EMPHASIZE COMMON INTERESTS  
OF THE NAM COUNTRIES AND MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF  
EXISTING BILATERAL OR TRILATERAL DIFFERENCES SPLITTING  
THE NAM AS A WHOLE OR VITIATING ITS COLLECTIVE WEIGHT.  
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TO THIS END, HE SAID THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WAS  
CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF VISITING VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA  
TO PERSUADE THEM TO KEEP GREAT POWER RIVALRIES OUT OF  
THE KABUL DISCUSSIONS, BECAUSE THOSE WOULD TEND TO  
POLARIZE THE REACTIONS OF SOME OF THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS.  
FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC IS TO STOP IN INDIA LATER THIS  
WEEK FOR A FINAL CHECKING OF SIGNALS WITH THE GOI

PREPARATORY TO THE KABUL MEETING.

3. ACCORDING TO BLAZEVIC, THERE APPEARS TO BE A FAIRLY STRONG CONSENSUS WITHIN THE NAM IN FAVOR OF MODERATION AND AGAINST TAKING ON A CONFRONTATIONAL STANCE AGAINST EITHER THE WEST OR THE USSR. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE US UNDERSTAND THIS.

4. AMONG ISSUES THAT WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT KABUL, THE HORN OF AFRICA AND THE VIETNAM-CAMBODAI PROBLEM ARE SURE TO JOIN THE SOUTH AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST TOPICS ALTHOUGH THE FORMER TWO ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA.

5. WITH RESPECT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA, HE SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA, AND QUITE A NUMBER OF THE OTHER "MODERATES" FEEL THAT THERE MUST BE SOME NAM STATEMENT OFFERING BOTH MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO THE FRONT-LINE STATES. WHILE YUGOSLAVIA APPRECIATES CERTAIN OF THE INITIATIVES THE USA AND UK HAVE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, YUGOSLAVIA'S BASIC POSITION IS THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED BY AFRICANS WITHOUT THE INTERVENTION OF THE MAJOR POWERS. BLAZEVIC THEN ADDED THAT IF THE NON-ALIGNED HAD TAKEN AN EARLIER COLLECTIVE INITIATIVE AND SHOWN MORE SOLIDARITY, PERHAPS THE CUBANS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN INVITED INTO ANGOLA. HE APPEARED TO BE SUGGESTING

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THAT BY BACKING THE FRONT-LINE STATES FIRMLY NOW AND ASSURING THEM OF NAM SUPPORT, THE OTHER NAM COUNTRIES COULD MAKE IT LESS LIKELY THAT CUBA WOULD BE CALLED IN TO PLAY A MILITARY ROLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

6. ON THE HORN OF AFRICA, HE SAID THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED THAT MANY AFRICAN AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED STATES HAD NOT OPPOSED THAT CUBAN PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA, SINCE ETHIOPIA WAS THE VICTIM OF AGGRESSION. HE SAID IT WOULD BE A VERY DIFFERENT MATTER IF CUBAN TROOPS BECAME INVOLVED IN THE SUPPRESSION OF ERITREA BECAUSE THERE THEY WOULD NEITHER BE AIDING A "LIBERATION MOVEMENT" OR REPELLING AN INVASION. YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA, THE SUDAN, AND ALGERIA HAVE MADE THEIR VIEWS ON THIS POINT CLEAR. HE BELIEVES THAT CUBA UNDERSTANDS THE DISTINCTION VERY CLEARLY AND WILL NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN ERITREA.

7. WITH RESPECT TO THE MIDDLE EAST, HE HOPED THAT THE FORTHCOMING NAM MEETINGS WOULD WORK TOWARDS BRINGING THE DIFFERING ARAB SIDES CLOSER TOGETHER AGAIN. THE NAM GENERALLY HE SAID WAS NOW LESS "RADICAL" IN ITS

ATTITUDES TOWARD ISRAEL AND WANTED A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION ACCORDING TO PRINCIPLES REPRESENTED IN UN RESOLUTIONS. HE ADDED THAT THE SUDAN WAS TRYING TO PLAY A MEDIATING ROLE BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN POSITION AND THAT OF THE OTHER ARAB STATES, AND ONLY IRAQ CONTINUED TO BE OBSTRUCTIVE.  
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